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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, IN, SW  
SUBJECT: VIGGEN SALES TO INDIA

1. NILSSON AT MFA TOLD POLCOUNS AND DCM APRIL 14 THAT DURING CONVERSATION WITH SWEDISH CARGE ORN ON APRIL 13, INDIAN MOD SECRETARY GENERAL BANNERJI SAID DECISION ON DPSA PURCHASE COULD BE MADE WEEK OF APRIL 17-24, AND THAT VIGGEN WAS DEFINITELY STILL IN THE RUNNING. (COMMENT: IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE INDIANS AT THIS STAGE ARE SAYING ENCOURAGING WORDS TO ALL BIDDERS, BUT WE REPORT THIS SO THE DEPARTMENT WILL KNOW THE SWEDISH PERCEPTION IS THAT THE VIGGEN IS STILL ALIVE IN NEW DELHI.)

2. AT DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE APRIL 13, OPPOSITION LEADER OLOF PALME SAID FLATLY THAT B3LA AIRCRAFT WOULD NEVER BE BUILT. PALME AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAVE TAKEN POSITION AGAINST B3LA BEFORE, BUT THIS WAS FLATTEST STATEMENT WE HAVE HEARD, AND HE DID NOT QUALIFY IT BY SAYING "IF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE BACK IN POWER." WE REPORT THIS FOR RELEVANCE IT HAS TO FUTURE OF SWEDISH AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, ONE OF THE FACTORS IN THE CURRENT EQUATION.

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